

33. (New) A method of treating androgenic alopecia comprising transdermally administering to a person in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of 17 β -(N-tert-butylcarbamoyl)-4-aza-5 α -androst-1-ene-3-one.

34. (New) The method of Claim 33 wherein androgenic alopecia is male pattern baldness.

35. (New) The method according to Claim 33, wherein the 17 β -(N-tert-butylcarbamoyl)-4-aza-5 α -androst-1-ene-3-one inhibitor is transdermally administered by a transdermal skin patch.

36. (New) A transdermal skin patch comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a 5 alpha-reductase 2 inhibitor. (36)

37. (New) The transdermal skin patch according to Claim 35 wherein the 5alpha-reductase 2 inhibitor is 17 β -(N-tert-butylcarbamoyl)-4-aza-5 α -androst-1-ene-3-one.

REMARKS

Consideration of the present application in light of the preliminary amendments above is respectfully requested. Original Claims 1 to 27 have been canceled and new Claims 28 to 37 have been added. Presently, Claims 28 to 37 are pending in the present application.

Applicants have amended the title of the invention to accurately reflect the claimed subject matter of the present divisional application.

Applicants have also amended the specification to reflect the proper ancestry of the present divisional application.

The "transdermal" aspect of the transdermal administration of the 5alpha-reductase 2 inhibitors according to the present invention, for the treatment of androgenic alopecia, and particularly male pattern baldness, as well as transdermal skin patches containing these 5alpha-reductase 2 inhibitors find particular support in the specification as originally filed at page 6, line 32 to page 7, line 2. Other limitations of the claims find support in the original claims as filed, as well as throughout the description of the invention.

Applicants submit that the amendments above do not add new matter to the present application.

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In summary, Applicants respectfully request examination, allowance and passage to issue of the present claims.

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